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THE SPECTRE RETURNS!

The Spectre has haunted the DC Universe for almost 50 years, a man resurrected from the grave, driven to bring order to a world besieged by evil.

Now he'll get his chance, as ***The Spectre*** returns for a regular, monthly foray into the supernatural, beginning in the pages of ***The Spectre #1.***

In last year's epic ***Last Days of the Justice Society Special,*** the Spectral Sleuth gave his afterlife for the sake of mankind. But his work on Earth wasn't finished, so ***The Spectre*** was sent back ... except the powers-that-be have changed his mission and lessened his once almost god-like powers! And that's only the start of the mysteries you'll find in these thrill packed pages, including the re-introduction of the enigmatic ***Madame Xanadu,*** as well as the woman named Kim Liang, who's destined to play a key role in Jim Corrigan's (***The Spectre's*** human identity) life.

Written by Doug Moench, pencilled by Gene Colan, and inked by Steve Mitchell, with a stunning cover by Michael Kaluta, ***The Spectre #1*** is sure to be the most chilling premiere story of the year! And, though you'd think that were enough in itself, it also introduces a DC format, printed on high quality "mando" paper, featuring more story pages, available only to you in comics specialty shops!

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December 9th/January 2nd

Justice League of America #261—A Legends Crossover! Next month, the ALL-NEW ***Justice League*** makes its debut ... and that means the final fate of the old JLA has to be decided *this* month! It's a final issue that's not to be missed, written by J.M. DeMatteis, with art by Luke McDonnell and Bill Wray. Cover by McDonnell and Dick Giordano.

Fury of Firestorm #58—Firehawk has powers that closely rival those of Firestorm ... and the Nuclear Man is going to find just how close when the reborn Parasite drains her power to use against Firestorm! Written by John Ostrander, pencilled by Joe Brozowski, with inks by Pablo Marcos. Cover by Brozowski and Bruce Patterson.

Tales of the Teen Titans #76—Nightwing always knew he would be present at the wedding of Starfire. Except he never thought it would be as an unwilling guest! Story by Marv Wolfman, with art and cover by Eduardo Barreto and Romeo Tanghal. Orginally presented in ***New Teen Titans #17.***

Wonder Woman #3—Diana, the Amazon Princess, continues her war against Ares' plot to conquer the Earth as she battles the God of Wars' monstrous sons on Earth! Plotted by George Pérez, scripted by Len Wein, pencilled by Pérez, and inked by Bruce Patterson. Cover by Pérez.

Demon #4 *mini-series*—The mini-series concludes in a blinding flash of mystical energy as Jason Blood faces the supernatural power of both the master and the demon within Merlin's lair! Only one of the three will survive ... and only writer and penciller Matt Wagner and inker Art Nichols know who that is! Cover by Wagner and Nichols.

Vigilante #40—The Vigilante vows to destroy the leader of the white slavery ring responsible for kidnapping children from the streets of New York. The chilling conclusion of a two-part story, written by Paul Kupperberg, pencilled by Tod Smith, inked by Greg Brooks, with a cover by Howard Chaykin. *Deluxe format. Recommended for mature readers.*

Watchmen #8 *maxi-series*—The world situation grows tenser and, with war threatening on the horizon, Nite Owl and the Silk Spectre see no alternative but to break Rorschach from prison. Created by Alan Moore and Dave Gibbons. Cover by Gibbons. *Deluxe format.*

The Outsiders #18—Eclipso was created from darkness, and now he wishes to bring perpetual night to the entire world ... unless, of course, the Batman and the Outsiders can stop him. Written by Mike W. Barr, with art by Jim Aparo. Also: Looker and Metamorpho team-up for this issue's back-up feature, scripted by Barr, and drawn by Brian Bolland. Cover by José Luis Garcia Lopez. *Deluxe format.*

December 16th/January 8th

Batman #406—Part 3 (of 4) of Frank Miller and David Mazzucchelli's mini-series-within-a-series, ***Batman: Year One.*** Selina Kyle is driven to become the Catwoman while the young Batman faces his toughest challenge when he takes on a Gotham City S.W.A.T. team! Cover by Mazzucchelli.

Star Trek #37—Last month, you learned the fate of Kirk and crew in our adaptation of ***Star Trek IV*** ... now find out what comes afterwards! Join the crew as they begin all-new adventures in space, written by Len Wein, pencilled by Curt Swan, and inked by Ricardo Villagran. Cover by Joe Brozowski and Bob Smith.

Secret Origins #13—*Three* secret tales fill this month's 48-pages: Dick Grayson recalls his history, from circus performer to Boy Wonder and, finally, to *Nightwing*, leader of the Teen Titans, in a story by Dan Mishkin and Erik Larsen. Then Roy Thomas and Mike Gustovich devote their creative talents to relating the origins of Golden Age hero, *The Whip*. And the original *Johnny Thunder* has his story retold by Thomas, Mike Clark, and Dave Hunt. Cover by Pat Broderick.

Sgt. Rock #415—The battlefield wasn't the only place war was being fought during World War II, so while Rock and Easy Company take on the German army in Europe, Zack is combatting criminal civilians on the homefront. Written by Robert Kanigher, art by Andy Kubert, with a cover by Joe Kubert.

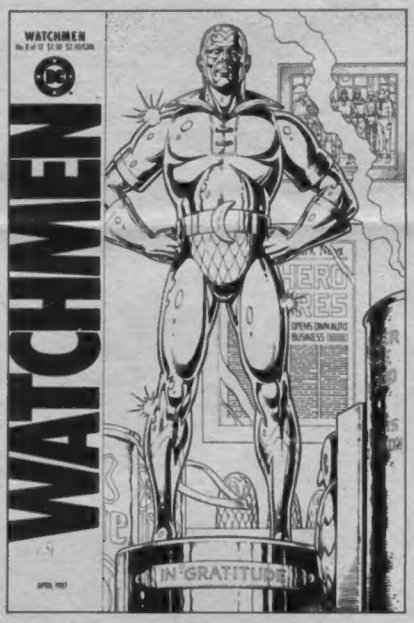
Blue Beetle #11—The Teen Titans guest-star as they take on The Hybrid! And where is the Blue Beetle while all this rock 'em sock 'em action is going on? Smack dab in the middle of it all, as usual! Story by Len Wein, drawn by Paris Cullins, and inked by Dell Barras. Cover by Cullins and Bruce Patterson.

Who's Who in Star Trek #2 *mini-series*—The second part of two, from entries for Marla McGivers (remember her?) to the Vulcans, and everything in between, including Starfleet, Romulans, Spock, Saavik, Scotty, and everything else in Star Trek starting with the letters M through Z! Artists include George Perez, Walt Simonson, John Byrne, and many others, as well as a wraparound cover by Howard Chaykin.

Superman #4—The merciless killer called Bloodsport is stalking the streets, terrorizing the population of Metropolis ... and even Superman may not be immune to his evil power! Written and pencilled by John Byrne. Regular inker Karl Kesel joins the team this month. Cover by Byrne.

Legion of Super-Heroes #33—This four part epic moves into its second installment as Universo continues his quest for universal conquest by placing the entire galaxy under his hypnotic thrall! Written by Paul Levitz, pencilled by Greg LaRocque, inked by Mike DeCarlo, with a cover by Steve Lightle. *Deluxe format.*

Electric Warrior #12—The lot of the Electric Warrior isn't an easy one, and the new holder of that title is forced to face his first, and perhaps greatest, challenge as he turns to the horror awaiting him within his own soul in a story by Doug Moench, with art and cover by Jim Baikie. *Deluxe format.*



December 23rd/January 15th

Swamp Thing #59—A visit from the in-laws is tough enough under normal circumstances, but when you're the Swamp Thing and the visitor is Abby's father, the "Patchwork Man," the only ending can be death! Co-written by Alan Moore and Steve Bissette, with art by Rick Veitch and Alfredo Alcala, and a cover by John Totleben and Bill Sienkiewicz.

Adventures of the Outsiders #44—The dreaded Duke of Oil is on a rampage, and the Outsiders don't discover until it's too late that he can't be stopped! Written by Mike W. Barr, with art by Jim Aparo. ***Plus:*** on the lighter side, the Outsiders play some baseball in this back-up by Barr, drawn by Jim Engel. Originally presented in ***The Outsiders #6.***

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Green Lantern Corps #211 —The GL Corps comes home from their foray into the Soviet Union with none other than Guy Gardner in charge! The only question remaining is whether or not the Corps can survive his leadership in this story by Steve Englehart, with art by Joe Staton and Mark Farmer. Cover by Staton and Bruce Patterson.

Warlord #116—After turning Skartaris inside out on his quest to find a cure for Jennifer, the Warlord suddenly reaches his goal ... only the conclusion is anything but tranquil! Written by Michael Fleisher, art by Ron Randall, with a cover by Mike Grell.

Who's Who: The Definitive Directory of the DC Universe #26—This is it ... the issue you've been waiting for ... W ... X ... Y ... *and*, at no extra chage, Z! And if that weren't enough to make you check out this final issue of the most complete conpendium of DC super-heroes and villains ever assembled, this issue *also* includes eleven entries we originally omitted from earlier volumes! Just think ... that means you get a chance to relive some of your favorite letters all over again! (Wow!)

Booster Gold #15—Booster is trapped in the future after Rip Hunter's time machine is destroyed, but he's got to get back to the present fast. Not that he's under pressure, mind you ... he's only got the cops closing in fast on his trail! Written and pencilled by Dan Jurgens. Cover by Jurgens and Bob Lewis.

Shazam!:The New Beginning #1 *mini-series*—***A Legends Spin-off!*** Meet 15-year old Billy Batson, and join him as he begins the first steps on a journey that introduces him to the ancient wizard who will teach him to speak the magic word, creating the new Captain Marvel! Scripted by Roy and Dann Thomas, with art and cover by Tom Mandrake.

Adventures of Superman #427—Clark Kent drops a line home to the folks back in Smallville ... but considering the dire consequences of his letter, maybe he would have been better off just calling! Story by Marv Wolfman. Art and cover by Jerry Ordway.

Infinity, Inc. #37—At long last, the origin of Northwind is revealed ... but what fate does its revelation hold for the future of the Silver Scarab? Story by Roy and Dann Thomas, pencilled by Todd McFarlane, and inked by Tony DeZuniga. Cover by McFarlane and DeZuniga.

The New Teen Titans #30 —The incredible saga of the insidious Brother Blood comes at last to its stunning climax, and the only thing you can be certain of in this story is that you don't know *anything* for certain! Plot by Marv Wolfman, scripted by Paul Levitz, with art and a cover by Eduardo Barreto.

January 6th / January 29th

Tales of the Legion of Super-Heroes #346—The mystery surrounding the identity of Sensor Girl deepens on Earth, while the Legionnaires battle the Emerald Empress in the depths of space. Written by Paul Levitz, pencilled by Greg LaRocque, and inked by Larry Mahlstedt and Mike DeCarlo. ***Plus:*** Wildfire and Quislet team up in a back-up special, by Levitz, Paris Cullins, and Gary Martin. Originally presented in ***Legion of Super-Heroes #21.***

Action Comics #587—The Demon guest-stars with the Man of Steel as the two attempt to unravel the supernatural mystery that has revealed a deadly secret to the denizens of Metropolis. Story and layouts by John Byrne, with Dick Giordano finishing the art. Cover by Byrne.

Detective Comics #573—At first, everything points to this being just another old-fashioned criminal caper of the kind that the Batman and Robin don't often see these days. But then things turn weird, and to call the ending a shocker would be to understate matters...! Story by Mike W. Barr, pencilled by Alan Davis, and inked by Paul Neary. Cover by Davis and Neary.

Hawkman #9—The Hawks appear at the ruins of the Hyathis Corporation in order to seek out information and clues. The last thing they expected to find was Superman ... turned against them! Written by Tony Isabella and Dan Mishkin, with art by Richard Howell and Carlos Garzon. Cover by Howell and Bruce Patterson.

Teen Titans Spotlight #9—This month we spotlight Changeling as he discovers that a day at the zoo is no day at the beach! Changeling's old friend from The Doom Patrol, Cliff (Robotman) Steele, guest-stars as they both tackle Mr. 103, a villain from the old days of the DP! Written by Paul Kupperberg, with art by Dan Jurgens, and inks by Gary Martin. Cover pencilled by Paris Cullins.

Legends #6 *mini-series*—This is it! The history making Legends mini-series comes to an incredible conclusion with a shattering fight to the finish between the all-new Wonder Woman, Flash, Suicide Squad and the Justice League! Be sure not to miss the story of the year, written by John Ostrander and Len Wein, illustrated by John Byrne, and inked by Karl Kesel. Cover by Byrne.

Captain Atom #2—Now that he's settled in his "new" world, Captain Atom is handed his first mission: stop Plastique from destroying the treasures of two nations! Cameo appearances by Superman, The Batman, Firestorm, and the Blue Beetle. Written by Cary Bates, pencilled by Pat Broderick, and inked by Bob Smith. Cover by Broderick.

Spectre #1 —Available only in comic specialty shops, it's the return of the ghostly guardian, the Spectre! He's back from the dead, and returned to earth on a new mission from the powers above ... and what does Madame Xanadu have to do with a man who's been twice reborn? Written by Doug Moench, art by Gene Colan and Steve Mitchell, and a cover by Michael Kaluta.

Mr. Miracle Special #1—It's no easy task being the World's Greatest Escape Artist, especially when you've first got to face the menace of the deadly Granny Goodness and innumerable deathtraps before reaching the real danger ... explaining to your wife, Big Barda, why you're late for dinner...! Scripted by Mark Evanier, pencilled by Steve Rude, and inked by Mike Royer. Cover by Rude.

Question #3—The Question is trapped inside the Mayor's mansion in Hub City and, if he can't escape it in time, dozens of innocent people will be slaughtered! Denny O'Neil wrote it, Denys Cowan pencilled it, and Rick Magyar inked it. Cover by Denys Cowan and Bill Sienkiewicz.

MASK #3 —How is it that Matt Trakker's fate is tied in with an insurrection at V.E.N.O.M. headquarters? Find out in the latest action-packed installment of the best new adventure series on the stands, written by Michael Fleisher, drawn by Curt Swan, and inked by Kurt Schaffenberger. Cover by Swan and Murphy Anderson.

Shazam! The New Beginning

Who says that magic lightning can't strike twice? The post-CRISIS DC Universe brings forth ***SHAZAM! THE NEW BEGINNING,*** a four-part mini-series revitalizing this classic hero in the same tradition as DC's ***DARK KNIGHT, MAN OF STEEL,*** and ***WONDER WOMAN.***

Writers Roy and Dann Thomas and artist Tom Mandrake introduce a new Billy Batson, a 15 year old of the '80s who gains, from a mysterious wizard, powers to become one of the world's mightiest heroes. Now Billy Batson is more real, more vital—a teen mind trapped in the body of a hero, struggling to find out who he is and who Captain Marvel is.

As a ***LEGENDS*** spin-off, the story is staged prior to ***LEGENDS'*** beginnings, on an earth that has never before seen the wisdom of Solomon, the strength of Hercules, the stamina of Atlas, the power and invulnerability of Zeus, the courage of Achilles, and the speed and flying powers of Mercury, all wrapped up as the world's mightest mortal ... who is just a kid at heart.

And it doesn't stop—Being a member of the *all new* ***JUSTICE LEAGUE, SHAZAM!'s*** exciting challenges and adventures continue monthly!

BILLY BATSON-- SPEAK MY NAME!
DIDN'T YOU HEAR ME, BOY?
I SAID-- SPEAK MY NAME!
THE OLD GUY LOOKED PRETTY SERIOUS ABOUT IT-- SO I FIGURED MAYBE I'D BETTER HUMOR HIM...
YOUR NAME? OH SURE...
SHAZAM!
ON THE BEST DAY I EVER SAW, I WOULDN'T HAVE BEEN READY FOR WHAT HAPPENED NEXT!
KRRRAAA
A BOLT OF LIGHTNING FROM OUT OF NOWHERE--
I SPLIT SECOND OF FEELING LIKE I WAS BLOWING UP-- YOU KNOW, LIKE A BALLOON--
--AND THEN THE FEELING THAT I WASN'T BILLY BATSON ANY MORE-- AT LEAST, NOT PHYSICALLY.
HOLY MOLEY!
SO NATURALLY, I FIGURED IT WAS ALL DONE WITH MIRRORS-- THEY WAY UNCLE DUDLEY'D HAVE DONE IT.

Also News...

LEGENDS has taken us on a dizzying six-month journey through the very essence and soul of the super-hero and now, issue #6 reaches an incredible climax! ***Darkseid*** sets his final plan to conquer the world, it takes the combined efforts of the world's greatest super-heroes to stop him ... or see the Earth destroyed! And even when this epic tale by John Ostrander, Len Wein, John Byrne, and Karl Kesel concludes, it's *not* going to be over—when the dust of battle clears, three new monthly titles will be born! Next month: ***SUICIDE SQUAD #1*** and the ALL-NEW ***JUSTICE LEAGUE #1,*** with ***THE FLASH #1*** coming the month after!

Mr. Miracle has lived a most interesting life ... but you ain't seen nothing yet! The world's greatest escape artist debuts next month with a select group of his fellow heroes as members of the ALL-NEW ***JUSTICE LEAGUE.*** Before then though, we see exactly what he's been up to in ***MR. MIRACLE SPECIAL,*** a 48 page issue written by Mark Evanier, Steve Rude, and Mike Royer, that spotlights the married home life of Scott Free, his wife, Big Barda, and his ally, Oberon, featuring some of ***Mr. Miracle's*** deadliest foes from Apokolips!

Looker and ***Metamorpho*** are together again for the first time in a rather special back up feature in ***The Outsiders #18,*** written by Mike W. Barr, with art by special guest-artist, Brian Bolland! Leading off this issue, ***The Batman's*** back with ***The Outsiders*** and together they're on the trail of ***Eclipso.*** They've got to stop the evil Prince of the Night before he can bring darkness to the entire world. That's ***The Outsiders*** by Barr and Jim Aparo.

And speaking of ***The Batman,*** the excitement that began last year with the history making mini-series, ***THE DARK KNIGHT*** just doesn't seem to want to stop! This month sees the introduction of the incredible ***DARK KNIGHT T-Shirt!*** Available at your local comic specialty shop. It spotlights Frank Miller's unforgettable cover art from ***THE DARK KNIGHT #2,*** as painted by Lynn Varley, and is presented on high-quality, 100% cotton T-shirts, crafted especially by the folks at Graphitti Designs. It's bound to be *the* fashion statement of the month ... not to mention a collector's item that can't be beat!

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